Performance of I.T.D.C. Hotels

200. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of I.T.D.C. Hotels which are at present working under his Ministry (State-wise);

(b) the details of the 5 Star/3 Star Hotels running into profits/losses during the last 2 years;

(c) whether Government propose to lease out/sell out certain Hotels to Private sector; and

(d) if so, the names thereof, which are likely to be privatised (State-wise)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI UMA BHARTI): (a) ITDC owns and operates 26 hotels in 13 States. State-wise number of ITDC hotels are given in the enclosed statement-I (*See* below)

(b) The requisite information is given in Annexure. (*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 6)

(c) and (d) The Government has accepted the recommendations of Disinvestment Commission in regard to ITDC. So far Hotel operations of ITDC are concerned, the main recommendations of the Commission are as under:—

> "(i) Hotels situated in prime locations like Delhi and Bangalore may be handed over to established hotel chains through a competitive bidding process to be run on a long term structured contract on lease-cum-management basis.
>
> (ii) Other hotels may be de-merged into separate corporate identities and the disinvestment in the new companies will be through sale of 100% Government shareholdings in them."

Statement-I

INDIA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.

Statement showing the number of Hotels presently operated by ITDC State-wise

Sl. No.	State	No. of hotels
1.	Bihar	2
2.	NCT of Delhi	8
3.	Himachal Pradesh	1
4.	Jammu & Kashmir	1
5.	Karnataka	3
6.	Kerala	1
7.	Maharashtra	1
8.	Madhya Pradesh	1
9.	Orissa	1
10.	Rajasthan	2
11.	Tamil Nadu	2
12.	Uttar Pradesh	2
13.	West Bengal	1
	TOTAL	26

Granting of Industrial Status to Tourism

201. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have accorded the status of industry to tourism;

(b) if so, any package of incentives is proposed to boost the growth of tourism;

(c) if so, whether Government have asked the State Governments to identify new sources of tourism in the States and prepare a comprehensive programme to attract foreign and domestic tourists in the States;